



January 22, 2012

Peter Hays  
Colorado Division of Mining Reclamation and Safety  
1313 Sherman St., Room 215  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Response to Inspection Report, Challenger Pit (M-1985-026).

Mr. Hays,

As you are aware, Coulson Excavating Co., Inc. (CEC) has received approval of their Temporary Substitute Water Supply Plan (SWSP) until March 31, 2013. The conditions of approval require specific actions by CEC by March 31, 2013 in order for the plan to be approved for the subsequent months of 2013. We hereby request an extension until March 31, 2013 to complete the remaining corrective actions and finalize approval of the SWSP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Wayland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter Wayland  
President